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In re Application of :
Yoshihara et al. : LETTER REGARDING
Application No. 10/762,577 : PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Filed: January 23, 2004 :
Attorney Docket No. :
016886-0190 :

This letter is in response to the "LETTER (UNDER A GENERAL OBLIGATION OF CANDOR AND GOOD FAITH IN PRACTICE BEFORE THE OFFICE)," filed on July 14, 2008. Applicants request that the initial determination of patent term adjustment under 35 USC 154(b) be reduced by one (1) day from nine hundred forty-three (943) days to nine hundred forty-two (942) days.

The request for review of patent term adjustment is **GRANTED**.

The Office has updated the PAIR screen to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is 942 days. A copy of the updated PAIR screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

On May 2, 2008, the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 USC 154(b) in the above-identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment to date is nine hundred forty-three (943) days. The instant request for review of patent term adjustment was timely filed.¹

Applicants state that the PTA calculation appears to be longer than appropriate, in that the patent term adjustment should be 942 days rather than 943 days.

¹ PALM Records indicate that the issue fee was paid on July 14, 2008.

A review of the record reveals that Applicants should have been assessed an additional delay of one (1) day. On November 15, 2007, a non-final office action was mailed. On March 11, 2008, three (3) months and 25 days after the mailing of the non-final office action, applicants filed a response. The Office, however, treated the response as filed on March 10, 2008, and assessed a reduction of 24 days of patent term adjustment. The 24 day reduction is being removed, and a 25 days reduction is being entered.

37 CFR 1.704(b) states, in pertinent part that:

An applicant shall be deemed to have failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application for the cumulative total of any periods of time in excess of three months that are taken to reply to any notice or action by the Office making any rejection, objection, argument, or other request, measuring such three-month period from the date the notice or action was mailed or given to the applicant, in which case the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days, if any, beginning on the day after the date that is three months after the date of mailing or transmission of the Office communication notifying the applicant of the rejection, objection, argument, or other request and ending on the date the reply was filed.

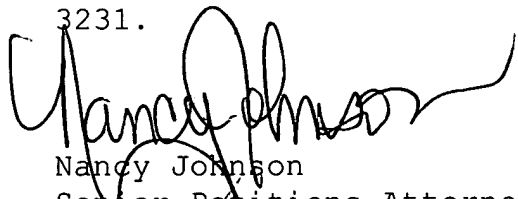
Therefore, Applicants should have been assessed a reduction in patent term adjustment for the period of delay from February 15, 2008, (three (3) months from the date that the non-final rejection was mailed on November 15, 2007), to March 11, 2008 (the date the reply was filed), or 25 days.

In view thereof, the correct determination of PTA at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is nine hundred forty-two (942) days (967 days of Office delay, reduced by 25 days of Applicant delay).

As this letter was submitted as an advisement to the Office of an error in Applicant's favor, the Office will not assess the \$200.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.18(e). The Office thanks Applicants for their good faith and candor in bringing this matter to the attention of the Office.

The Office of Data Management has been advised of this decision. The application is thereby forwarded to the Office of Data Management for issuance of the patent. The patent term adjustment indicated on the patent (as shown on the Issue Notification mailed about three weeks prior to patent issuance) will include any additional adjustment accrued both for Office delay in issuing the patent more than four months after payment of the issue fee and satisfaction of all outstanding requirements, and for the Office taking in excess of three years to issue the patent (to the extent that the three-year period does not overlap with periods already accorded).

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to Douglas I. Wood, Senior Petitions Attorney, at (571) 272-3231.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Johnson", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the name.

Nancy Johnson
Senior Petitions Attorney
Office of Petitions

Encl: Revised PALM Calculation

Day : Wednesday

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Date: 1/7/2009

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PTA Calculations for Application: 10/762577

Application Filing Date:	01/23/2004	PTO Delay (PTO):	967
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	24
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	942
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